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## ON HOARDS OF COINS FOUND IN IRELAND,

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Having given some attention to the subject of coins found in Ireland, I have, for a number of years past, kept a record of various hoards which have been, from time to time, discovered in the country, and of as many particulars as I could ascertain respecting them. Some of these are interesting; and I have thought it might be desirable to publish the present list in the *Ulster Journal of Archæology*, with a view of eliciting information of a similar kind from collectors in other parts of the country.

Belfast, March 1853.

### Date.

- 1808—About 250 ounces of silver coins, of **ELIZABETH**, were found near **DOWNPATRICK**, in the County Down; they were all sold in Dublin for the value of old silver.
- 1809—In this year were found, in **DOWNPATRICK**, upwards of 60 ounces of silver coins, chiefly Groats of **HENRY** the 8th, and a few of **RICHARD III.** they were disposed of in Belfast.
- 1810—In this year a penny of **ATHELSTAN** was found near **DROGHEDA**.
- 1811—Several thousand silver pennies of **EDWARD** the I. II. & III, and **ALEXANDER III.**, of **SCOTLAND**, were found near **BALLYCLARE**, County Antrim.
- 1843—At **DERRY** nearly ten ounces of silver Coins were found; amongst which were two Groats of **RICHARD III.**, two Groats of **EDWARD IV.**, minted in **LIMBICOR**, and the remainder were Groats of **HENRY VIII**; minted by Cardinal Wolsey.
- 1843—This year several ounces of Groats of **EDWARD IV.** were found in the County Derry, and disposed of in Belfast.
- 1843—A large number of Irish base coins, of **PHILIP AND MARY**, were discovered near **COLERAINE**, County Derry.
- 1840—About this time was found, near **BELFAST**, a gold coin, marked on both sides 4 dwt. 7 grs., supposed to have been struck by **LORD INCHQUIN**, in the reign of **CHARLES I.**, and to represent in value a French Pistole. This unique specimen is in my collection.
- 1850—About this time five similar coins were discovered; two of which are in the **BRITISH MUSEUM**, two in the cabinet of **SIR MONTAGUE CHAPMAN, BART.**, and the other in the possession of **Dr. AQUILLA SMITH**, of **DUBLIN**.
- 1815—In this year a few ounces of base money, of **PHILIP AND MARY**, of the ordinary kind, and one base Testoon of **EDWARD VI.** were found near **NEWRY**.
- 1820—During this year twelve base Pennies of **ELIZABETH**, and **PHILIP AND MARY**, were found near **DOWNPATRICK**.

- 1814—A man dug up, near **BELFAST**, a cow's horn full of coins of **DAVID** and **ROBERT** of Scotland.
- 1843—Near **NEWTOWNARDS**, County Down, were discovered about twenty Groats of **DAVID II.** and **ROBERT II.** of **SCOTLAND**, together with several groats of **HENRY IV. & VI.**
- 1845—This year two hundred Pennies of **EDWARD I. II. AND III.** and a **CALAIS** Groat of **EDWARD III.** were discovered near **LARNE**, County Antrim.
- 1840—Near **NEWRY**, some labourers discovered about eighty English pennies, of **HENRY III.** some of which were of rare type.
- 1843—About this time two hundred Pennies of **EDWARD I. II. III.,** and **ALEXANDER III.** of **SCOTLAND**, were found near **SAINTFIELD**, County Down; they were all common except one **EXETER** penny of **EDWARD I.**
- 1842—At **KILLINCHY**, County Down, there were found near five hundred English pennies of **HENRY III.** all of the Short-Cross type.
- 1820—In the demesne of Mountstewart, County Down, were found several base Irish coins of **ELIZABETH.**
- 1845—There were discovered, near **BELFAST**, about twenty ounces of silver coins, of **ELIZABETH** and **CHARLES I.** and **II.,** among which was one **INCHQUIN** Shilling.
- 1848—Found at **CASTLE CONNEL** thirty Guineas of **GEORGE III.**
- 1847—About thirty silver coins of **ELIZABETH** were found at **BARN-HILL**, County Down, the residence of Guy Stone, Esq.
- 1840—In the townland of **MULLAGHSANDAL**, near **CARRICKFERGUS**, County Antrim, about fifty Pennies of **EDWARD II.** and one Penny of **ALEXANDER III.**
- 1848—About this time a few base coins, of **PHILIP AND MARY**, were discovered near **BELFAST.**
- 1845—In December of this year, a brass token, struck by **JAMES BIGGAR**, **MERCHANT**, **BELFAST**, 1666, was found near **BELFAST.**
- 1845—Was found, near **BELFAST**, a Penny of **JOHN**, minted by **JOHN** in **DUBLIN.**
- 1845—At this time was found, near **BELFAST**, a light groat of **HENRY IV.** minted at **BRISTOW**, (**Bristol.**) This coin differs from those mentioned by **RUDING** and **HAWKINS**, in having the **OB** mint-mark, a trefoil, and, on the **RE** a cross. This rare coin is in my cabinet.
- 1843—In June of this year, some persons, when digging a grave in the burying-ground of the old church of **DERRYKEEHAN**, near **DERVOCK**, county Antrim, discovered two hundred and sixty Saxon coins, of the following kings: **EDWIC—EADRED—EADGAR—ERIC—ATHELSTAN—and EADMUND.**
- 1845—At this time some labourers, when digging potatoes in the reclaimed fish pond of the Abbey of **INES**, or **ARDQUIN**, in the **GREAT ARDS**, County Down, discovered, near the surface, a small box which contained the following Coins, viz:—1 Groat **RICHARD II.**, 1 **COVENTRY** Groat **EDWARD IV.,** 1 **DUBLIN** Halfpenny, **EDWARD I.,** 1 **CORK** Penny **EDWARD I.,**

very rare; 1 heavy Groat, weight 66 grains, **EDWARD IV.**, 250 Pennies of **EDWARD I**, **II**, & **III**, 20 Pennies of **RICHARD II**, all in poor condition, but rare; 6 Halfpennies of **EDWARD III**, 10 Groats of **DAVID II** of **SCOTLAND**, 10 Groats of **ROBERT II** of **SCOTLAND**, 2 Pennies of **DAVID II** and 2 Pennies of **ROBERT II**.

The chief part of this hoard came into my possession.

- 1844—At this time were discovered, near **DROMORE**, County **Down**, twenty ounces of the coins of **EDWARD VI**, and **ELIZABETH**, none of which were of rare type.
- 1844—This year a labourer dug up, in the fosse of the ruined Castle of **CON O'NEILL**, at **CASTLEREAGH**, County **Down**, one hundred and fifty shillings and sixpences of **EDWARD VI** and **ELIZABETH**: the coins were contained in a pewter vessel.
- 1820—This year the sexton of **SHANKHILL**, the old parish church of **BELFAST**, when making a grave, found a Penny of **JOHN**, type, **ROBERD ON DIVE**. Coins have been discovered at various times in this place.
- 1840—Found near **BELFAST** several ounces of **HENRY VIII.**, *Harp Groats*; they escaped examination having been melted.
- 1820—At this time was discovered, in the thatch of an old house near **NEWTOWNARDS**, county **Down**, a tea-cup filled with French and Spanish gold coins.
- 1847—Were found twelve **DANISH** coins at **BUTTACK**, county **Armagh**; being very much decomposed they could not be identified.
- 1824—This year about 20 ounces of **IRISH Three-Crown Groats** of **EDWARD III**, and **HENRY VII**, were found near **BELFAST**.
- 1846—Found near **BALLYMENA**, County **Antrim**, fifty coins of **ELIZABETH**, **JAMES I**, and **CHARLES I**, all of which were in poor condition.
- 1846—Early in May, a few ounces of the silver coins of **CHARLES I**, and one **SCOTCH Shilling** of **JAMES I**, were discovered near **BELFAST**.
- 1849.—In August, seven Gold Coins of **JAMES I**, & **CHARLES I**, were discovered near **NEWRY**, County **Down**.
- 1849—During the month of September an **IRISH silver shilling** of **MARY** was found near **Newry**, County **Down**.
- 1849—Was found a small hoard of the **IRISH base coins** of **ELIZABETH**, and **PHILIP AND MARY**, at **AHOGHILL**, County **Antrim**.
- 1847—It was reported that a large hoard of gold coins was discovered at the townland of **ANTICOR**, near **BALLYMONEY**, county **Antrim**, by a labouring man, who immediately left the country, and was not heard of afterwards.
- 1849—Some time in September a hoard of coins was found at **GILFORD**, county **Down**.
- 1850—Sixty-one coins of **ELIZABETH**, and **JAMES I**, were found in the county **ARMAGH**.
- 1851—There were found at **CALEDON**, county **Tyrone**, a few Groats of **EDWARD IV.** and

- HENRY VII.**, minted at **DUBLIN**, **WATERFORD**, and **DROGHEDA**; they are in the cabinet of the Countess of Caledon.
- 1851—Found at **SANDYMOUNT**, **RICHHILL**, county **Armagh**, a number of silver Coins, struck in **HOLLAND**, during the years 1609 and 1660.
- 1852—About four hundred coins of **ELIZABETH** were discovered near **KILLYLEA**, county **Armagh**.
- 1848—A hoard of **ELIZABETH**'s base Irish money, weighing fourteen pounds, was found in the townland of **BRIGHT**, barony of **INNISHOWEN**, county **Donegal**; it is not known where the coins are.
- 1850—Found at **TULLYARD**, county **Down**, a large quantity of silver Coins.
- 1850—Found, near **ARMAGH**, a number of large silver Coins of **LOUIS XIII.** and **XIV.**, also a quantity of **ELIZABETH'S** Copper Irish Pennies and Half-pennies.
- 1849—At this time was found, at **CLONCA**, **INNISHOWEN**, County **Donegal**, a large earthen mug filled with silver Coins of **HENRY VII.** and **VIII.**, now in the cabinet of **John Harvey, Esq.**, **Malin Hall**, County **Donegal**.
- 1852—Found, at **ABBAY-SIDE**, **DUNGANNON**, County **Tyrone**, eleven gold Coins of **CHARLES I.**—**JAMES II.**—**WILLIAM III.**—**ANNE**—**GEORGE I.**—and **JOHN V.** of **Portugal**.
- 1851—Found, at **GREY ABBEY**, County **Down**, a very curious bronze box which contained about fifty Coins of **HENRY IV.** and **VII.**, and one piece called an **ABBAY-COUNTER**, formerly used by the monks in keeping their accounts.—These are now in the cabinet of **Hugh Montgomery, Esq.**, **Rosemount**, **Grey Abbey**.